

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

MILLER, Gary (Republican)
Representative, 42nd District, California
Elected 1998 to the 106th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Huntsville, Arkansas - 16 October 1948

Home: Diamond Bar, California

Marital status: Married (Cathy) - 4 children

Religion: Protestant

Education: Attended Mt. San Antonio Community College, 1968-70

Military: US Army, 1967-8

Profession: Real estate developer

Political: Diamond Bar City Council, 1989-95, excluding 1990-1; mayor of Diamond Bar, 1993-4; California Assembly, 1995-9. Rep Miller defeated incumbent Rep Jay C. Kim (R) in the 1998 primary after Kim was convicted of campaign finance irregularities, and went on to win the 41st District seat by defeating Eileen Ansari (D) with 53.2% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 59% of the vote and in 2002 with 68% to the newly drawn 42nd District.

Rep Miller is a fiscal and social conservative with a nonpartisan demeanor. Described as a self-made millionaire in the housing and real estate markets, he bankrolled his own campaigns. Seeks to reduce government regulations that hinder business, supports job training and apprenticeship programs, and financial aid for the education of disabled students. Criticized the House GOP for allowing President Clinton to take credit for the 1997 balanced-budget agreement, which he believed truly belonged to the GOP. (Politics in America, 2004) In the 106th Congress, noted that many members of the active and reserve military live in his district. Said that when called upon to go overseas, they usually use March ARB in a neighboring district as a staging point for deployment. Congratulated the Naval Reserve Association on the 84th anniversary of the founding of the Naval Reserve. Drew attention to an AP report stating that Air Force readiness is at a 15-year low. Noted that roughly 115 of the Air Force's 329 combat units were not fully capable of performing their mission; said a senior military official blamed the budgets that did not allow enough for spare parts and did not offer service members salaries competitive in today's booming economy. Found it ironic that Vice Pres Gore would state that the Pentagon's budget is currently in the "right zone" to meet today's national security needs. Asserted "this trend must be reversed." In the 107th Congress worked to encourage small communities to clean up contaminated industrial sites and called for the Endangered Species Act to be properly implemented. At the beginning of the 108th Congress, came off the Science and Budget Cmte on which he had previously served.

Additional Background: Civil War history buff

Member: Army Caucus; Navy/Marine Corps Caucus; Reserve Components Caucus;
C-130 Modernization Caucus (no longer operative)

AF Bases: None

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